

# MI Charles Stanley Multi Asset Moderate Fund

## Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to deliver gross investment returns in excess of inflation (as measured by the UK Consumer Prices Index) plus 2% per annum, over a 5-year period.

The Fund will primarily invest in collective funds, transferable securities, other collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and deposits, and is also able to use derivatives for efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. Asset allocation exposure of the Fund will be actively managed and typical allocation will be as follows: 40-75% higher risk assets (including equities, commodities and property securities) and 25-60% lower risk assets (debt instruments e.g. bonds and cash).

Investors with a long-term time horizon who can accept moderate stock market volatility may wish to consider this fund.

## Fund facts

<b>Launch Date</b> 03 Apr 2017	<b>Fund Type</b> UCITS OEIC	<b>Denomination</b> Sterling
<b>Fund Size</b> £24.4m	<b>Domicile</b> UK	<b>ISA/SIPP Eligible</b> Yes
<b>Investment Association Sector</b> Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares		
<b>Investment Manager</b> Charles Stanley & Co. Limited		
<b>Authorised Corporate Director</b> Maitland Institutional Services Limited		

## Latest commentary

A change in tone from the US central bank helped stock markets rally in 2019. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said at the start of January that the central bank will be "patient" in its approach to monetary policy, providing a significant degree of reassurance.

Although the situation remains complex, hopes have been building that an agreement can be reached between the US and China following a series of high-level talks and the decision to delay tariff increases on \$200bn worth of Chinese goods. This optimism has driven a significant rebound in Chinese shares, although there are still concerns about the level of bad debt in its economy and whether growth targets can be met this year.

Trade concerns also hit Japanese shares, but they too have gained in 2019 after the country's economy returned to growth in the fourth quarter of 2018. Shares in emerging markets have also rallied following a significant period of underperformance. They benefitted from domestic currency strength, as the dollar rally came to a halt due to the Federal Reserve's dovish tone, and investment inflows into these fledgling nations have increased sharply.

With the UK facing a slowdown and challenges relating to its withdrawal from the European Union, no increase in rates by the Bank of England is expected soon. The possibility of some instability in Europe remains ahead of the European Parliamentary elections and the appointment of a new European Commission later this year.

Although economic growth is expected to slow in most regions, corporate earnings are still expected to grow in mid-single digits. The FTSE 100 underperformed other major indices in 2019 due to the relative strength of the pound; however, the more UK-focused mid-cap index performed better.

The fund reported a total return of 1.2% in February compared to an average of 1.4% by our peers in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector (Source: Financial Express Analytics as at 28th February 2019, total return, sterling, bid-to-bid, net income reinvested, net of ongoing charges and fees).

No significant trades were done over the month. We continued to invest cash inflows in line with our current asset allocation. The fund remains in a position to benefit from an environment where we still see positive global economic growth and slowly rising interest rates.

## Performance (%)

Share Class	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Since Launch (03/04/2017)
A Inc	1.2	-0.2	-4.1	-1.6	2.1
IA Sector	1.4	0.7	-3.9	-0.1	4.4
Quartile	2	1	2	2	3

Source: Financial Express Analytics, Total Return, sterling, bid-to-bid, net income reinvested, net of ongoing charges and fees.

All data as at 28 February 2019

Source: Charles Stanley & Co. Limited

## Asset allocation



	%
North America	24.4
Government Bond	12.2
Pacific ex-Japan	8.3
Investment Grade Bond	8.2
Japan	6.1
UK	5.0
Emerging Market	4.9
Alternatives	4.6
Inflation Linked	4.6
Europe	4.3
High Yield	3.3
Infrastructure	2.4
Property	2.0
Cash & Equivalent	9.7

## Top ten holdings

	%
L&G Japan Index Trust	5.6
UBS - MSCI USA ETF	5.3
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	5.1
iShares GBP Corporate Bond 0-5	5.0
Legal & General European Index Trust	4.3
iShares Core S&P 500	3.8
iShares FTSE 100	3.5
US Treasury 2.75% 2020	3.5
Ashmore EM Total Return Income Fund	3.3
AXA Sterling Credit Short Duration Bond	3.2

Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The value of investments may fall as well as rise and the income from them may fluctuate and is not guaranteed. Investors may not recover the amount invested.

## Investment team

We operate a team-based approach which ensures collaborative decision making and continuity within our investment process. Our fund managers, research analysts and the Investment Strategy Committee work as a team to provide consistent, long-term investment returns for the appropriate level of risk.

## Our investment approach and philosophy

We believe in taking a long term investment approach focusing on returns in excess of inflation. We focus on strategic asset allocation as a primary driver of managing not only returns, but also risk. That said, we maintain flexibility to adjust positioning in light of market conditions. The strategy is implemented through a blend of passive and active funds and the fund also invests directly in individual equities and fixed income securities.

## Fund ratings



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## Share class details

Share Class	Initial Charges	Ongoing Charges	Share Price	ISIN	Sedol
A Acc	0.00%	1.30%	102.10p	GB00BD89MH00	BD89MH0
A Inc	0.00%	1.30%	100.58p	GB00BD89MG92	BD89MG9

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### Important Information

**The value of investments, and the income derived from them, can go down as well as up and may be affected by exchange rate variations. You may not get back what you originally invested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.**

The fund may invest more than 35% in securities issued by any one or more of the governments listed in the fund prospectus. Such exposure may be combined with the use of derivatives in pursuit of the fund objective. It is not currently envisaged that the fund's exposure to such securities may exceed 35%.

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